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Dirk Kempthorne, Governor
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September 17, 2001

Charles E. Findley, Acting Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Findley:

During our August 23, 2001 meeting of the Lower Snake River/Columbia River TMDL workgroup it was agreed that Idaho will issue the Lower Snake River/Columbia River TMDL for waters within its boundaries. This issue is not clearly addressed in the MOU signed by the States and EPA and the intent of this letter is to clarify that Idaho will issue the TMDL for Idaho waters. The States of Oregon and Washington will be sending a separate letter describing a compatible, but different, approach for the waters within their states.

Idaho is anticipating a simultaneously issued TMDL that is issued by Idaho for lands within our borders and EPA for other jurisdictions. We look forward to continuing to work together on this issue and successfully developing and implementing a TMDL for the Lower Snake River and Columbia River for temperature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Mabe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Mabe" clearly distinguishable.

David Mabe
State Water Quality Programs Administrator

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cc: Don Essig, IDEQ
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